Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—He was asked a specific question whether he and another officer were present at the Literary Association Meeting of the St. Thomas College on the 14th July 1937 and he gave a specific answer 'No'.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Was there any complaint from the Principal of the St. Thomas college about the presence of the Police Officers in all their meetings?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—Not at all.

Conference—Police officers—Resolutions—copies of.

212. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was a conference of the Police Officers this year; if so, will copies of the resolutions passed at the conference be placed on the Table of the House?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—Yes. It was only a confidential and purely departmental conference and no public purpose will be served by placing a copy of the proceedings on the table.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Do you keep any record of these deliberations?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—We keep the minutes of the Conference.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Are these forwarded to the Government or are they only for the information of the Commissioner of Police?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—If there is anything to be communicated to Government it will be communicated to the Government.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—What was the object of the meeting?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—For the more efficient conduct of the department.

Labour Strikes—disputes—settlement of.

213. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) the number of labour strikes brought to their notice during the last three years;

(b) what they have done to effect a settlement between the workmen and the owners in those disputes?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—(a) 2.

(b) Nothing. Government interference was not called for.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—Does Government by answering the question—the number of labour strikes brought to their notice during the last three years—as 'Nothing' mean none?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—The answer is 2 which is given there.

Mr K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—Which are the two strikes may I know?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—The Palluruthy Coir Factory strike and the Cochin Tin Factory strike.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—Did the Tin Factory strikers either directly or indirectly through other agencies make a request to Government that they might interfere in the matter?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—They did not want any interference in the matter of the strike.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—So far as the question of the settlement of the wages which was the reason for the strike is concerned, did they make any representation to Government that they should interfere?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—No request was received by Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—If not by them, by the public at large through public meetings or resolutions?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—That the Government should interfere in the strike?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—Yes.

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—There was a specific question before the Hon'ble Member and before answering that,

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was it not incumbent on the Hon'ble Member to inquire into that subject?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—In the Palluruthi Coir Factory about 20 coolies struck work and in Cochin Tin Factory 57 coolies struck work. 9 of the strikers asked for interference. But as the situation was not considered very grave, Government did not think it proper to interfere.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*).—May I know whether there was any request directly or through public meetings that the Government might be pleased to interfere and revise the wages.

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—As far as I remember no such request was made to Government formally.

Harbour Sergeant—particulars regarding.

214. **Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty** (*Anthikkad*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the officer in charge of the Mattancheri Town Station is not the Harbour Sergeant, Sankarankutty Menon;

(b) the period for which this arrangement has continued and is to continue hereafter;

(c) whether he had acted as Inspector of Police previously;

(d) whether he was subsequently reverted and for what reasons;

(e) his qualifications?

Mr. A. L. Devassy (*Commissioner of Police*).—

(a) Yes.

(b) from 8th Edavam 12 to 7th Mithunam 12.

,, 8th Mithunam 12 to 7th Karkadagam 12.

,, 8th Karkadagam 12 to 7th Chingam 13.

(c) He has not acted as Inspector at any time. Even now he is only in charge.

(d) In view of answer to (c), no reply is necessary.

(e) S. S. L. C. and exempted from Special tests.

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